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General Meeting for July: The Birmingham Genealogical Society will meet at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 28th on the fourth floor of the Birmingham Public Library (in the auditorium). The Board of Directors will meet at 1:15 p.m. in the same room.

DON'T FORGET FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 1:30!

The program for July: Please join us as **Karen Utz** presents ***Goin' North: The African American Women of Sloss Quarters***. Karen Utz is the Curator/Historian at the Sloss Furnaces National Historical Landmark. Her program will focus on the traditions and customs the mothers, wives and daughters of ex-sharecroppers brought with them to the urban industrial landscape of Sloss Furnaces and its company housing, Sloss Quarters. A 30 page monograph (plus 10 pages of citations) will be provided to those in attendance. Please join us!

Research & Genealogical Tips: Knew Them How Long?

In any form of testimony where someone indicates they have known your ancestor for a specific number of years, determine when your ancestor and this "someone" met. Did they know each other when they lived in a different location? If you can't find your ancestor in their previous area of residence, search for the "someone." Then maybe you will find the ancestor.

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The Georgia Enterprise, 14 November 1889

Two men armed with Winchester rifles were seen in the vicinity of Irondale, Ala., eight miles from Birmingham, late Wednesday afternoon. Soon after dark they robbed two citizens half a mile from the town. One of the men robbed reported that one of the highwaymen filled the description of RUBE BURROW, the train robber. RUBE BURROW, the train robber, took a ride on the night express train on the Kansas City, Memphis and Birmingham railroad Tuesday night. He was seen and recognized, but no one attempted his capture. He boarded the train, west bound, at a small station in the western part of Alabama, and rode a few miles across the line into Mississippi. He was alone, but carried a large Winchester rifle and two pistols.

FGS 2012 NATIONAL CONFERENCE – August 29 – September 1, 2012 Birmingham AL
Visit <http://www.fgs.org/2012conference/> for additional information

August 4, 2012: *Getting the Good Dirt: Land Records in Genealogical Research*
East Room of the Southern History Department. Register with the BPL
Southern History Department @ 226-3665. There is a \$5 attendance fee.

The past is not dead. It isn't even past. --William Faulkner
Scott A. Martin, BGS Newsletter Editor



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Tips & Suggestions for researching the Dead: Why Was The Record Created?

Do you know the original purpose of the record you are using for your research? It most likely was not genealogy. Land deeds were created to transfer real property, tax records were used to document the wealth of an individual so that taxes could be collected, court testimony was used to gather evidence to make a decision in a specific case, etc. Why a document was created impacts the information it contains and how reliable that information may be perceived for genealogy research.

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